



# Keeping you up-to-date with the Moorsbus Network

August 2018

## Welcome

We're coming towards the end of this year's Moorsbus services. It's been the biggest timetable we've had as the Community Interest Company, and it seems to have suited many passengers, including this Dutch family (right) who were thankful for the Rievaulx bus in August.

We now need to look at next year's services and how they can be funded. Come along to the meetings in September and October to help us steer the routes towards 2019.

But in the meantime, enjoy your bus rides.



## "I want to go to Hawnby and Square Corner"

We still get many requests to run Moorsbus between Helmsley and Osmotherley via Hawnby and Square Corner.

The service ran from 2008 to 2013 when Moorsbus was funded by the National Park Authority. There had been services between Chop Gate and Osmotherley via Lord Stones and Sheepwash from 1998 to 2007, extended to Square Corner from 2005 to 2007. The bus was a great way to get to parts of the Cleveland Way, as well as adding to the overall network of services which once made the North York Moors the best-served National Park in the U.K.

As you'll know, that all came to an end in 2013 when the National Park Authority decided to cease funding Moorsbus.

The Community Interest Company which now runs Moorsbus has looked hard at what routes are feasible and affordable. Sadly, Hawnby isn't one of them.

The roads are narrow and only suitable for a minibus. And even that could have problems with other traffic as the road has become busier (due to a lack of bus services?), and also cars are generally larger than 20 years ago.

But there's another reason why we don't think we can run a Hawnby / Square Corner bus.

The cost of hiring a minibus and driver, plus the cost of registering the service makes it almost as expensive as a full-size bus. And that cost of almost £400 a day

must be shared by just 16 passengers (rather than 30 to 40 on a full size vehicle). On a busy day, the full size bus can also carry standing passengers, but that's not permitted on a minibus. Most Moorsbus passengers use a bus pass which is reimbursed at about £1 for each long distance trip and much less for shorter routes.

It doesn't take a great mathematician to see that even if there were no pass holders, every passenger on every Hawnby minibus would need to pay a high fare, even if they had paid on a previous Moorsbus.

Sorry. The Hawnby route just isn't viable.

Unless a fairy godmother is waiting at one of the bus stops.

## Passengers' meeting

We're holding our annual meeting at the Moors Centre, Danby on 16th September from 13:15 to 14:30. We'll be in the upstairs lecture room with coffee and biscuits at the ready from 13:00hrs!

It's a great chance to share views, grumbles, ideas and anything else about *your* Moorsbus. Please come along! For York passengers we'll have a similar event in October in York.

### THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR MOORSBUS

- 1 Tell someone else about it: neighbour, friend, anyone!
- 2 Bring them along and show them how it works.
- 3 Buy a 'Donate Ticket' on the bus: £1, £2 or £5.

## Are you our friend?

'Friends of Moorsbus' is a not-for-profit members' organisation working alongside the Moorsbus Community Interest Company. Benefits include **MoorRewards**—special offers with your Membership card, wherever you see the **MoorRewards** triangle displayed (see overleaf). We have over 250 non-internet members, and over 300 on-line. If you can email your information and supply an email address, it saves us time and postage.

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Address: .....

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# WHAT'S ON

## 24<sup>th</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### MOORSBUS TOWN WALK IN KIRKBYMOORSIDE

**Sun 26th August** (2 to 3.30pm)

Meet at the Market Place bus stop (by the Lemon Tree Café) for a gentle walk around historic Kirkbymoorside led by Louise Mudd of Kirkbymoorside History Group. The walk lasts just over an hour and you are welcome to join us for a drink at the King's Head afterwards where you'll be able to buy history group publications, and also Moorsbus Jam and Marmalade.

**Until 28 August** at the *Inspired by...* Gallery, The Moors Centre, Danby: *Innovative exhibition* by students from Teesside University and 'Small Scale Collectibles': everything under £50.

**25 August**

Bilsdale Show (near Chop Gate)

**26 August**

Duck Derby, the beck, Thornton le Dale (in aid of Save the Children)

**27 August**

Newburgh Priory Plant Fair nr Coxwold

**27 August**

Farndale Show (walk to Farndale from Blakey Lion Inn or Hutton le Hole)

**27 August**

Duck Race, the beck, Helmsley (in aid of RNLI)

**2 September**

A Thornton Wander guided walk (14:00—15:30) book on 01439 772738

**8 / 9 September**

Raptor Fair, National Centre for Birds of Prey, Helmsley

**8 September**

Castleton Show

**8 September**

Malton Harvest Food Festival

**9 September**

Guisborough Forest Festival

**15 September**

Artisan Craft Fair, The Feathers, Helmsley

**22 September**

Stokesley Show

**28 / 29 / 30 September**

Steam Gala, North Yorkshire Moors Railway

## Moor Rewards 2018

Friends of Moorsbus get discounts and special offers at many places on our routes — cafes, museums, attractions, gift shops, etc.

Typically you'll save 10 to 15% just by showing your 'Friends of Moorsbus' card - check the full details on [www.moorsbus.org](http://www.moorsbus.org)

### Dalby Forest

Dalby Forest Cycle Hub  
Dalby Visitor Centre Café  
Courtyard Café

### Helmsley

Libby Butler Jewellers  
National Centre for Birds of Prey  
Nice Things Gift Shop

### Hutton le Hole

The Barn Tea Rooms  
The Forge Tea Rooms  
Greenwood Crafts  
Ryedale Folk Museum

### Kirkbymoorside

King's Head Hotel  
Penny Bank Café

### Pickering

Black Swan Inn  
Capplemans Fish and Chips  
Trailblazer Outdoors

### Rosedale Abbey

Abbey Stores and Tea Rooms

### Sutton Bank

Sutton Bank Bikes

### Thornton le Dale

Baldersons Café  
Baldersons Gift Shop  
Moore's Deli

*If you can think of other shops or attractions that would want to join Moor Rewards, just let us know.*

## Sustainable tourism

You'll probably have heard tales of 'tourist overload' this summer in places from Cornwall to the Isle of Skye, from Barcelona to Venice. We're proud to be supporting a more gentle tourism here in the North York Moors. By using the bus you're causing less congestion, less pollution and less noise than if everyone was in a private car. You're also helping put more cash into small, rural businesses. We want to mitigate the growth of tourism by providing a choice for locals and visitors to travel in a gentler way. And we know that not everyone has that choice.

Moorsbus helps make the world a little better!

Remember our Moorsbus backpacks.

Available in Blue or Graphite and only £11.50 (or £14.50 delivered to your door by a real post-person).

Email or ring if you want to know more.

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## Supporting Moorsbus in 2018

Moorsbus relies on grants and donations to keep it running as the fares and pass reimbursement do not cover the cost of the buses.

We're grateful to everyone who's contributed whether a large sum or small: there would be no Moorsbus without this help. If you want to donate, please use the local giving website ([www.localgiving.org](http://www.localgiving.org)) and search for Moorsbus. See the list of our supporters on the Moorsbus website.

### Friends of Moorsbus Membership Application Form (cont)

Your email address:

Our email address: [friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com)

Any special ways in which you would like to help?

Membership Fee £5

Bus Fund Donation .£.....

Total £.....

Cheques to "Friends of Moorsbus".

Stamps are welcome too!

**Please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope – thank you!**

We will never share your details with anyone else, and will only send you Moorsbus info. Your data is held securely and you can ask us to remove your details at any time.

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